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WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT POST-CONVICTION ADVOCACY

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VICTIM OFFENDER DIALOGUE (VOD)

VOD provides an opportunity for eligible victim/survivors to meet with an offender face-to-face in a safe and secure environment with the assistance of a trained facilitator. VOD is strictly victim-initiated, victim-driven, and victim-sensitive. VOD may not be for all victims, but for certain victims/survivors of severe violent crimes it can be an extremely empowering and/or healing experience.

PAROLE

Inmates with crimes prior to 1994 are still eligible for parole and may have a parole hearing. This hearing/victim notification (upon request) is handled by the AZ Board of Executive Clemency (BOEC). After 1994, most inmates will serve about 85% of their sentence in prison and the remainder of their sentence under Community Supervision.

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Inmates may request that the Governor reduce or commute the sentence. Inmates are eligible to request clemency if they have served at least two years of their sentence with at least one year left. Inmates with special circumstances can also request clemency. This request/victim notification (upon request) is handled by the BOEC.

POST-CONVICTION RELIEF

Immediately after sentencing, an inmate may request Post-Conviction Relief to reduce the sentence. This request/victim notification (upon request) is generally handled by the original sentencing court.

DIRECT APPEALS

Many inmates convicted by a jury appeal their sentence. Victims/Survivors in these cases receive notification through the AZ Attorney General's Office upon request.

Victims' Rights:

They don't end after sentencing.

INFORMATION ON THE INTERNET
www.azcorrections.gov

Information can be accessed about an inmate via our website. Click on the "Public Resources Tab" and then the Inmate Data Search button. You can then enter the inmate's ADC number or do a name search. You will then find the following inmate information:

- Picture (upon arrival)
- Current location
- Projected release date
- Crime and sentence information
- Risk Classification (5 high, 1 low)
- Disciplinary history
- Work/wage history
- Detainers (other agencies with charges)
- Aliases (other names used)
- Parole action and Parole placement

For details about any of these items, please contact our office.

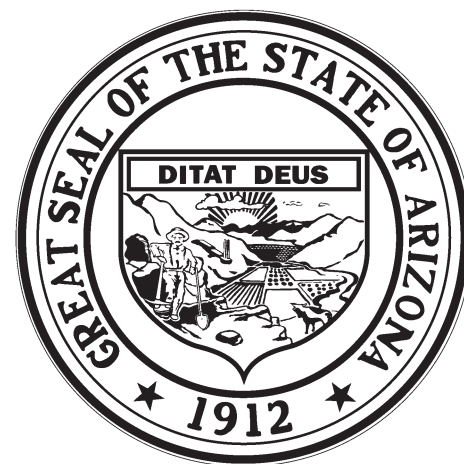
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Office of Victim
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*Treating Victims with
Fairness, Respect &
Dignity*

The Arizona Department of Corrections (ADC), Office of Victim Services (OVS) ensures that all crime victims are treated with Fairness, Respect, and Dignity throughout the inmate's incarceration and supervision periods.

SERVICE TO CRIME VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS

- Explain, clarify, and help exercise victims' rights.
- Provide updates regarding the status of an inmate.
- Provide restitution facts and assistance.
- Accompany to parole/clemency hearings, executions, and other criminal justice proceedings.
- Assist with a victim's right not to receive mail from the inmate.
- Facilitate requests to deny early release for an inmate.
- Serve Orders of Protection or Injunctions Against Harassment to inmates in custody.
- Provide opportunities for participation in the Impact of Crime on Victims classes.
- Educate ADC staff, criminal justice agencies, schools/universities, community partners, and non-governmental organizations about victims' rights and services.

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POST-CONVICTION NOTIFICATION

ADC OVS will notify victims/survivors of an inmate's **release, escape, or death**. How do I register for notifications?

- A signed Post Conviction Notification Request (PCNR) Form, which comes from the prosecutor's office, must be received by the OVS.
- You must be the victim, family member, or lawful representative of the victim.
- The inmate must be under the jurisdiction of ADC.
- **It is your responsibility to update your address and phone number.**
- Keep in mind, ADC is not the only agency that notifies victims of post-conviction activity.
- Please refer to the PCNR for other agency information.

AZ Department of Corrections



Office of Victim Services

POST-CONVICTION VICTIMS' RIGHTS

- To be treated with fairness, respect, and dignity and to be free from intimidation, harassment, or abuse throughout the criminal justice process.
- To be informed, ***upon request***, when the accused or convicted person is released from custody, escaped, or died.
- To be present at, and ***upon request***, informed of all criminal proceedings where the defendant has the right to be present.
- To receive prompt restitution from the person(s) convicted of the criminal conduct that caused the victim's loss or injury.
- To be heard at any proceeding when any post-conviction release from confinement is being considered.

RESTITUTION

- Restitution ***must*** be ordered by the judge.
- ADC will set up restitution deduction. Per AZ Revised Statutes, ADC will deduct a fixed amount from the inmate's income.
- All restitution collected is sent to the Clerk of the Court, who will disperse the monies. This usually does not occur until the balance has reached \$30.00.
- **You must keep your address updated with the Clerk of the Court in the county in which the restitution was ordered.**
- When the sentence ends, any unpaid restitution will be converted to a Criminal Restitution Order, which is a civil judgment against the offender.

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